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**Release of Proposed Nurse Staffing Quality Measures for Public Comment**

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Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 111, § 231, in promulgating regulations the Health Policy Commission (the "Commission") must identify three to five patient safety quality indicators to be measured and reported by hospitals to the public.

As endorsed by the Quality Improvement and Patient Protection (QIPP) Committee, the Commission is releasing the following four proposed quality measures **to solicit public comment in conjunction with the public comment process for the proposed regulation, 958 CMR 8.00 – Registered Nurse-to-Patient Ratio in Intensive Care Units in Acute Hospitals:**

1. Central line-associated blood stream infection (CLABSI)
2. Catheter-associated urinary tract infection (CAUTI)
3. Pressure ulcer prevalence (hospital acquired); and
4. Patient fall rate

The Commission will hold two public hearings regarding the proposed regulation on March 25, 2015 (in Boston) and April 2, 2015 (in Worcester). The Commission will accept comments on the proposed regulation until Monday, April 6, 2015. Please see the [Notice of Public Hearing](#) for details regarding the public comment process.